GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3553
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2008
TALKS WITH INSURGENT GROUPS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks are going on with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Issac/Muivah) NSCN (IM) and other insurgent groups in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring peace in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARED QUESTION NO.3553 FOR 23.12.2008 REGARDING 'TALKS WITH INSURGENT GROUPS'.

(a) to (c): The Government has made Ceasefire/Suspension of Operations (SoO) arrangements with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isac / Muivah) [NSCN (IM)] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [NSCN(K)] in Nagaland; United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS),Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and Naional Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam; Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur;and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya. Two Coys of 28 Bn. of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), mainly active in Upper Assam, have also declared unilateral ceasefire on 24th June,2008.

While Government is encouraging the insurgent/militant outfits to join the main stream,action is also being taken by way of sustained counter insurgency operations against the elements who continue to indulge in violence and anti-national activities.Towards the end,the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in the region through various measures such as deployment of Central Security Forces to aid the State authorities in counter insurgency operations and providing security for vulnerable institutions and installations bases on threat assessments; vigilance and surveillance on the border, including the construction of border fencing; roads and flood lighting; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for strengthening of the local Police Forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for various aspect of counter insurgency operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.